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Boerner Botanical Gardens

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## BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS ROSE COLLECTION IN FULL BLOOM

**Hales Corners** – The Boerner Botanical Gardens located in Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Drive in Hales Corners, is featuring its Rose Collection now in full bloom. With more than 500 varieties of roses among 5,000 plants, this is the busiest time of year at the Boerner Gardens.

“If you haven’t seen the Gardens in July, you are missing quite a show,” noted Boerner Director Shirley Dommer. “We pride ourselves as one of the few All-American Rose Selections Test Gardens in the nation. There is always something new to our collection.”

The Rose Garden, part of the original Botanical Gardens in 1939, was designed along traditional European lines with gravel walks throughout the garden and grass walks through the beds. It is intended to preserve historical roses while introducing the public to a wide variety of All-American Rose Selections winners.

The Boerner Botanical Gardens are a living museum of plants that provide an outdoor classroom for horticultural and botanical enthusiasts as well as a tourist attraction for Milwaukee County. Within its confines there a number of gardens including those that feature roses, herbs, peonies, annuals, a testing ground for All-American Rose selections as well as an arboretum, daylily walk, rock garden and shrub mall.

The Boerner Gardens is also home to an Education and Visitors Center operated by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, which offers programs for plant enthusiasts of all skill levels. The Center also houses the Friends’ Gift Shop and Nell’s Café, which is operated by the Bartolotta Restaurant Group.

For more information on the Boerner Botanical Gardens crabapple tree collection, please contact Shirley Dommer at (414) 525-5601.

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